Lauds Propers

Wednesday Week III

30 Mar 2011

Invitatory Psalm Antiphon

Come, today, and listen to his voice: do not harden your *hearts.*

First Psalm

Psalm 86

A poor man's prayer in a time of trouble

Cantor: Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

East Choir:
Turn your ear to me, Lord, and **hear** me, *
for I am poor and desti*tute.*
Keep my life safe, for I am **faith**ful; *
O God, save your servant, who trusts in *you.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

West Choir:
Take pity upon me, **O** Lord, *
for I call to you all the day *long.*
Make your servant's **heart** glad, *
for to you, O Lord, I have raised *it.*
For you, Lord, are gentle **and** mild: *
you are kind to all those who call on *you.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

East Choir:
Let your ears hear my prayer, **O** Lord! *
Turn to the voice of my plea*ding!*
In my time of trouble I call **on** you, *
for you, O Lord, will hear *me.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

West Choir:
No other god is like you, **O** Lord, *
and nothing compares with your *works.*
All people – all nations **you** made – *
will come and worship before you;
they will give glory to your *name.*
For you are great, you work **won**ders: *
you alone are *God.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

East Choir:
O Lord, teach me **your** paths, *
and I will come to your *truth.*
Make my heart simple and **guile**less, *
so that it honours your *name.*
I will proclaim you, Lord **my** God, *
and give you praise with all my *heart.*
I will give glory to your name for **ev**er, *
for your great kindness is upon me:
you have rescued me from the deepest *depths.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

West Choir: O God, the proud rise a**gainst** me, *
 in the meetings of the powerful they seek my life:
 they do not keep you in their *sight.*
And you, Lord, are a God of com**pas**sion, *
 full of mercies, patient and *true.*
Look upon me, have mercy u**pon** me, *
 give your strength and protection to your servant:
 your servant, the child of your hand*maid.*
Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

East Choir: Give me a sign of your **good**ness, *
 let my enemies see it and be confounded;
 because you, O Lord, have helped me and given me com*fort.*

Full Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
(profound bow) as it was in the beginning is now,
 and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Cantor: God of mercy and goodness, when Christ called out to you in torment, you heard him and gave him victory over death because of his love for you. We already know the affection you have for us; fill us with a greater love of your name, and we will proclaim you more boldly before men and happily lead them to celebrate your glory.

Full Choir: Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift up my *soul.*

Canticle

Isaiah 33

The Lord will give just judgement

Cantor: Blessed is the man who walks in justice and speaks what is *true.*

East Choir: Hear what I have done, you who are **far** off, *
 and you who are near, learn of my *strength.*
In Zion, the sinners are **a**fraid; *
 the hypocrites trem*ble.*
Which of you could live with a devour**ing** fire? *
Which of you will abide in everlasting burn*ing?*

West Choir: He who walks in justice, he who speaks **fair**ly – *
he who rejects the spoils of robbery –
he who throws back a bribe –
he who blocks his ears against murderous counsels –
he who shuts his eyes against evil sights –
this is he who will dwell on high, secure in a fortress of rocks.
Bread is given to him; his supply of water is se*cure.*

Full Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
(profound bow) as it was in the beginning is now,
 and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Full Choir: Blessed is the man who walks in justice and speaks what is *true.*

Second Psalm

Psalm 98

The Lord has brought salvation

Cantor: Acclaim the King, the *Lord.*

East Choir: Sing a new song to **the** Lord, *
for he has worked won*ders.*
Acclaim the King, the *Lord.*

West Choir: His right hand, his ho**ly** arm, *
have brought him victo*ry.*
The Lord has shown his sa**ving** power, *
and before all nations he has shown his jus*tice.*
He has remembered to show his **kind**ness *
and his faithfulness to the house of Isra*el.*
The farthest ends of **the** earth *
have seen the saving power of our *God.*
Acclaim the King, the *Lord.*

East Choir: Rejoice in God, all **the** earth. *
Break forth in triumph and *song!*
Sing to the Lord on **the** lyre, *
with the lyre and with mus*ic.*
With trumpets and the sound of **the** horn, *
sound jubilation to the Lord, our *king.*
Acclaim the King, the *Lord.*

West Choir: Let the sea resound in its **ful**ness, *
all the earth and all its inhabi*tants.*
The rivers will clap **their** hands, *
and the mountains will exult at the presence of the Lord,
for he comes to judge the *earth.*
He will judge all the world in **jus**tice, *
and the peoples with fair*ness.*

Full Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit, *
(profound bow) as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end. A*men.*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you have revealed your justice to all nations. We stood condemned, and you came to be judged in our place. Send your saving power on us and, when you come in glory, bring your mercy to those for whom you were condemned.

Full Choir: Acclaim the King, the *Lord.*

Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6,8-9

Lector: It is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments.

(Silent Reflection)

Responsory

Lector: He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*
Lector: And from evil slander.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*
Lector: (all: profound bow) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Full Choir: – *He himself will free me from the hunter's snare.*

Benedictus Antiphon

Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete *them.*

Intercessions

Lector: *Blessed be the Architect of our salvation. It is his will that mankind should be made a new creation in him, that the old order should pass away and that all things should be renewed. Sustained by this living hope, let us pray:*
– *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*
Full Choir: – *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*
Lector: Lord, you promised us a new heaven and a new earth: constantly renew us through your Spirit,
so that we may rejoice forever in your presence in the heavenly Jerusalem.
Full Choir: – *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*
Lector: Grant that we may work with you and fill this world with your Spirit,
so that the earthly city may reach its fruition in justice, love and peace.
Full Choir: – *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*
Lector: Make us reject all idleness and apathy
but rejoice in the gifts of heaven.
Full Choir: – *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*
Lector: Free us from evil,
and defend us from trivial distractions that obscure our sight of what is good.
Full Choir: – *Renew us, Lord, in your spirit.*

Prayer

Lord, during this lenten season nourish us with your word of life and make us one in love and prayer. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.